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SUBJ: PRESS FACILITIES, MISS LILLIAN VISIT TO MALI

1. FOLLOWING IS OUTLINE OF COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES
WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PRESS IN BAMAKO. PRESS WILL
BE LODGED AT THE HOTEL DE L'AMITIE, BAMAKO'S LEADING HOTEL,
WHERE ALL BUT 5-6 OF OFFICIAL PARTY WILL BE STAYING.
A SPECIAL ROOM WILL BE RENTED THERE FOR USE BY THE
PRESS. TRANSPORTATION, PROBABLY BY MINI-BUS, WILL BE ARRANGED BY
THE EMBASSY, ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, THE ENTIRE PARTY, INCLUDING
PRESS, WILL TRAVEL TO TIMBUKTU AND MOPTI ON AIR MALI ANTONOV-24
TURBOPROP MADE AVAILABLE BY GRM, TO VIEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
AND MEET MALIAN OFFICIALS.

2. TELEX FACILITIES: L'AMITIE HAS ONE TELEX LINE, NO. 433, UNCLASSIFIED

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OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. WILL ACCEPT AMERICAN EXPRESS AND DINER'S CLUB CREDIT CARDS. MANAGEMENT IS UNFAMILIAR WITH RCA-TYPE GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS CARDS, BUT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING IF SO AUTHORIZED BY TELEX AND BY UTH (HOTEL CHAIN) IN PARIS. SUGGEST AGENCY APPROACH THESE CORPORATIONS AND ASK THEM TO TRANSMIT AUTHORIZATION TO HOTEL. HOTEL HAS AGREED TO RESERVE TELEX LINE EXCLUSIVELY FOR JOURNALISTS' USE SEVERAL HOURS

A DAY (TENTATIVELY FROM NINE P.M. TO MIDNIGHT) DURING VISIT. IMPORTANT NOTE: THE HOTEL TELEX LINE HAS BEEN BROKEN DOWN OFF AND ON FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS. HOTEL EXPECTS IT TO BE REPAIRED WITHIN A WEEK (BY JULY 20) AND IS ALSO TRYING TO GET ANOTHER LINE INSTALLED. WE WILL KEEP CHECKING. THERE IS ALSO A PUBLIC TELEX FACILITY (NO. 992) AT RADIO CENTRAL TWO BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY, AND 5-7 MINUTE DRIVE FROM HOTEL. IT IS OPEN FROM 0730 TO 2000 HRS., 6 DAYS A WEEK, AND FROM 0800 TO 12 NOON ON SUNDAY. (NOTE THAT PRECLUDES USE ON ARRIVAL FROM OUAGADOUGOU). THEY ACCEPT ONLY CASH PAYMENTS, NO CREDIT CARDS. IT IS USED HEAVILY BY LOCAL POPULATION, WHICH MEANS LENGTHY WAITS TO USE.

3. TELEPHONE: THERE IS ONE DIRECT LINE TO THE U.S., OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, WHICH CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE "CENTRAL TELEPHONIQUE" BY DIALING "10". CALLS MAY TAKE FROM 15 MINUTES TO ONE HOUR OR MORE TO GO THROUGH. HOTEL WILL ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS MENTIONED ABOVE FOR PAYMENT.

4. TELEVISION: THERE ARE NO RPT NO FACILITIES FOR TRANSMISSION OF TELEVISION IMAGES IN BAMAKO.

5. RADIO: RADIO MALI, GOVERNMENT-OPERATED RADIO STATION, INFORMS US THEY ARE WILLING TO ASSIST CORRESPONDENTS IN DOING VOICE TRANSMISSIONS. THE U.S. BROADCASTING STATION WITH WHICH THE CORRESPONDINT IS AFFILIATED SHOULD CONTACT INTER FRANCE (AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE, MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS) GIVING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PROPOSED TIME OF TRANSMISSION. INTER FRANCE WILL IN TURN CONTACT RADIO MALI TO ESTABLISH THE CONNECTION. PAYMENT MUST BE ARRANGED BETWEEN THE THREE STATIONS CONCERNED, NOT BY THE INDIVIDUAL CORRESPONDENTS IN BAMAKO.

5. FOR FILM SHIPMENT: THE FOLLOWING FLIGHTS OUT OF BAMAKO CONNECT IN EITHER PARIS OR DAKAR FOR NEW YORK. FREIGHT MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE BAMAKO AIRPORT (15-20 MINUTE DRIVE FROM HOTEL) A MINIMUM OF 4 HOURS, AND PREFERABLY 8 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE TIME.

SUNDAY: JULY 30: BAMAKO/PARIS VIA UT858, 2355/0720 MONDAY

JULY 31. PARIS/NYC/(JFK) VIA TW 803 1200/1345.

MONDAY JULY 31: BAMAKO/DAKAR VIA MY 205, 0800/1335. CONNECTS

WITH PA 185 DAKAR/NYC (JFK) TUES AUG 1 0155/0600.

MONDAY: BAMAKO:PARIS VIA RK48, 2330/0820 TUES AUG 1.

PARIS/NYC VIA TW 803 1200/1345.

TUESDAY: NO FLIGHTS TO DAKAR OR PARIS

WEDNESDAY: BAMAKO/PARIS VIA MY81 0015/0840. PARIS/NYC VIA

TW803 1200/1345.

WEDNESDAY: BAMAKO/PARIS VIA UT822 2359/0725. THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

PARIS/NYC VIA TW803/1200/1345.

AF001, THE CONCORDE, ALSO FLIES PARIS/NEW	V YORK 1100/0845
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